

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-20 cancelled.

21. (New) A scouring material comprising:

a three-dimensional non-woven web of entangled fibres bonded to one another at their mutual contact points by a pre-bond resin, wherein a majority by weight of the fibres comprise natural fibres, and the bonded web has a maximum density of 50 kg/m^3 ; and

a plurality of abrasive particles adhered to the fibres of the bonded web by a make-coat resin.

22. (New) The scouring material of claim 21, wherein the bonded web has a maximum density of 30 kg/m^3 .

23. (New) The scouring material of claim 21, wherein the bonded web has a minimum thickness of 5 mm.

24. (New) The scouring material of claim 21, wherein at least 80% by weight of the fibres comprise natural fibres.

25. (New) The scouring material of claim 21, wherein all of the fibres comprise natural fibres.

26. (New) The scouring material of claim 21, wherein the natural fibres are natural vegetable fibres.

27. (New) The scouring material of claim 21, wherein the natural fibres comprise coco, sisal, or hemp fibres, or a combination thereof.

28. (New) The scouring material of claim 21, wherein the pre-bond resin is a thermosetting or a thermoplastic resin.

29. (New) The scouring material of claim 21, wherein the pre-bond resin is an epoxy resin or a co-polyamide resin.

30. (New) A The scouring material of claim 21, wherein the make-coat resin is a latex or a phenolic resin.

31. (New) The scouring material of claim 21, wherein the abrasive particles comprise an inorganic material and have an average particle size of about 50 microns.

32. (New) The scouring material of claim 21, wherein the abrasive particles comprise a polymeric material or a natural material.

33. (New) The scouring material of claim 21, wherein the non-woven web is a dry-laid web.

34. (New) The scouring material of claim 21, wherein the scouring material forms a hand-held scouring pad.

35. (New) A method of making a scouring material, comprising:

- (i) forming a three-dimensional nonwoven web of natural fibres contacted with dry particulate material that includes fusible binder particles;
- (ii) exposing the web to conditions that cause the binder particles to form a flowable liquid binder;
- (iii) solidifying the liquid binder to form bonds between the fibres of the web and thereby provide a pre-bonded web; and
- (iii) applying abrasive particles to the pre-bonded web, and
- (iv) bonding the abrasive particles to the fibres of the pre-bonded web by at least a make-coat resin to provide the scouring material.

36. (New) The method of claim 35, wherein the binder particles are applied to the web without applying a compressive force to the web.

37. (New) The method of claim 35, further comprising:

depositing the abrasive particles across the whole thickness of the web under the action of an electrostatic force.

38. (New) The method of claim 35, further comprising:

applying an electrostatic charge to the binder particles, which are then directed towards the web while the web is located in an electrically-grounded support surface.

39. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein the abrasive particles and the make-coat resin are applied to the pre-bonded web together as a slurry.

40. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein the slurry is sprayed onto the pre-bonded web.